

1 organization that advocates the overthrow of the Govern-  
2 ment of the United States or of the State of Maryland  
3 through force or violence shall be eligible to hold any  
4 office, be it elective or appointive, or any other position  
5 of profit or trust in the Government of or in the adminis-  
6 tration of the business of this State or of any county,  
7 municipality or other political subdivision of this State.

8 This Constitutional enactment was followed by  
9 the so-called Ober Law which is Article 88A of the Code --  
10 85A of the Code and which makes various provisions  
11 implementing it so as to make certain that persons who  
12 advocate the overthrow of the Government, et cetera, are  
13 not in positions of trust or working for the State Govern-  
14 ment in any capacity.

15 Only four other states, and I believe all of  
16 them during the same period of time, have enacted similar  
17 Constitutional provisions. A number of states have laws  
18 similar to the Ober Law.

19 The Committee as a matter of policy as to  
20 whether or not the Constitution need contain this kind of  
21 prohibition feels that it is a question for the Commission